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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN TREATMENT OF RFE

REF: SOFIA 0335, WARSAW 0841, BUDAPEST 0350

1. HUNGARIAN NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY SILENT WHILE STRONG ATTACKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AGAINST RFE AND RL IN OTHER EE CAPITALS (SOFIA 0335, WARSAW 0841). MAGYAR PRESS HAS CONTENTED ITSELF WITH INNER-PAGING, WITHOUT COMMENT, CZECH ALLEGATIONS MADE BY EX-STAFFER PAVEL MINARIK; AND FEB 14 CTK ARTICLE CHARGING CIA WITH USING RFE AND RL FOR "NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES" WAS REPRINTED IN MAGYAR HIRLAP.

2. BUDAPEST ALREADY ALLOWS MORE WESTERN NEWS MATERIAL TO CIRCULATE THAN ANY OTHER EE CAPITAL; AND THERE IS NO JAMMING FO FOREIGN BROADCASTS BECAUSE GOH FEELS CONFIDENT IT CAN
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EFFECTIVELY COUNTER TYPE OF CRITICISM CONTAINED IN RFE

HUNGARIAN SERVICE. UNLESS KREMLIN SIGNALS ALL WARSAW
PACT COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT COORDINATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST
RFE, BUDAPEST CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN ITS RELATIVELY
RELAXED POSTURE.
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